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October 7, 1985

Allied Paper, Incorporated
2030 Portage Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49003

ATTENTION: Mr. Richard Eaton

Dear Mr. Eaton:

On September 19, 1985, I attended a meeting with Mr. George Brooks and Mr. Martin Smith, of Allied Paper, Incorporated, and representatives from the Homecrest Circle Association. This meeting was arranged to address some very valid odor concerns of the neighbor residents.

As part of the meeting, Mr. Brooks took all of us on a tour of the waste treatment operations, including the sludge pits, the wastewater pump station, the clarifiers, and the lime injection system. He explained what had been tried in the past, and the plans for further control of the odors. While the odors may have been somewhat reduced over the years, there is still a very serious odor problem that needs to be addressed.

Rule 901 states, "Notwithstanding the provisions of any other commission rule, a person shall not cause or permit the emission of an air contaminant or water vapor in quantities that cause, alone or in reaction with other air contaminants, either of the following:

- (a) Injurious effects to human health or safety, animal life, plant life of significant economic value, or property.
- (b) Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

It has been determined that the odors from the waste treatment are in violation of Rule 901. Therefore, you are required to develop an odor control program within 60 days detailing how you propose to eliminate the periodic odors and submit it to this office for evaluation. The program must include the method of control and the timetable necessary to implement it.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,



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